

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 741

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Grace Christian Academy of Knoxville boys' basketball team upon winning the 2018 TSSAA Division II Class A State Boys' Basketball Championship.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize and applaud those successful student athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary group of student athletes is the Grace Christian Academy of Knoxville boys' basketball team, which recently achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2018 season by capturing the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division II Class A State Boys' Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, traveling to the Allen Arena at Lipscomb University, the Grace Christian Rams made their way across the tournament bracket, defeating the Webb School with a score of 44-39, and the Webb School of Knoxville with a score of 46-44; and

WHEREAS, with that tremendous, narrow victory over the Webb School of Knoxville, the Rams seized Grace Christian Academy's first state title; and

WHEREAS, the members of this magnificent team are Gage Suter, Eli Nordhorn, B.J. Marable, Dillon Lloyd, Karis Coffey, Austin Sykes, Jordan Crawley, Harrison Heins, C.J. Gettelfinger, Cooper Riggs, Grant Ledford, Baylor Younker, and Ryan Medders; and

WHEREAS, Grant Ledford was named the Tournament Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, this team of state champions undoubtedly benefited from the vast knowledge and stalwart leadership of Head Coach Brandon Clifford; and

WHEREAS, during this incredible championship season, the members of the Grace Christian Academy Rams etched their names into the annals of Tennessee sports history; their

dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent not only made possible a successful and memorable basketball season but also surely point toward their success in future endeavors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the Grace Christian Academy of Knoxville boys' basketball team upon winning the 2018 TSSAA Division II Class A State Boys' Basketball Championship, applaud the team's tremendous athletic prowess, and extend to each member our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.